

REMEDICATION AND REDEVELOPMENT (RR) NEWS FROM WISCONSIN DNR  
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OCTOBER HEARINGS FOR DRY CLEANER RULE REVISIONS

On Tuesday, October 22, DNR will conduct public hearings on proposed revisions to ch. NR 169, the Dry Cleaner Environmental Response Fund (DERF) program rule. The video-conference hearings begin at 9:00 a.m. at the following 5 locations:

- Eau Claire State Office Building, 718 Clairemont Ave., Eau Claire, Room 139
- UWEX and DNR Northern Region Headquarters, 107 Sutliff Ave., Rhinelander, Room 1
- Milwaukee State Office Building, 819 N. 6th St., Milwaukee, Room 98
- Pyle Center, 702 Langdon St., Madison, Room 332
- Green Bay State Office Building, 200 North Jefferson St., Green Bay, Room 618

Written comments may be submitted until November 1, 2002. Written comments should be submitted to Robin Schmidt, RR/3, Department of Natural Resources, PO Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707. Copies of the draft rule are available on the web at [http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/wi\\_regs/index.htm#anchor74198](http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/wi_regs/index.htm#anchor74198), or you may call 1-800-367-6076. More background about DERF is on our web site at <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/financial/dryclean.html>. For more information, contact Robin Schmidt at [Robin.Schmidt@dnr.state.wi.us](mailto:Robin.Schmidt@dnr.state.wi.us)

SER REGIONAL CONSULTANT DAY

The Southeast Region (SER) of the Remediation & Redevelopment (RR) Program will hold a Consultant Day in affiliation with the Federation of Environmental Consultants (FET) on October 29. Topics include using RR Program databases, a brownfields update, defining contaminated sites, the SER case closure committee, case studies, soil performance standards, upcoming guidance on remediation of chlorinated solvents, building on abandoned landfills, and investigative waste and waste disposal. The SER Consultant Day will be held at the Midway Hotel, 1005 S. Moorland Road, Brookfield. The cost is \$75, including lunch and all printed material. FET's registration form is on their web site at <http://www.fetinc.org/10-29-02%20Consultant's%20Day%20Agenda.htm>. Reservations are due by October 21.

ASHLAND SUPERFUND LISTING

The Environmental Protection Agency has announced addition of the Ashland/Northern States Power site to the National Priorities List. The site includes about 20 acres with manufactured gas plant wastes, including coal tar, cinder ash and boiler slag. Production of manufactured gas from coal started in 1885 and continued until 1947. Xcel Power, formerly Northern States Power, now owns the property. Contaminants have also been identified in a railroad corridor, a city park, in groundwater and in 10 acres of sediments in Chequamegon Bay. Portions of the bay have been closed to swimming and boating. The next step will be development of a comprehensive site evaluation and engineering study with cleanup options. A final site cleanup plan should be selected in late 2004. More information about this site is on the RR Program web site at <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/cleanup/ashland.html>

BROWNFIELDS STUDY GROUP MEETS AGAIN

The 2002 Brownfields Study Group met on Thursday, August 29, to discuss their next review of the state's brownfields initiatives. The Study Group met earlier in the summer to review the recommendations they presented to the State Legislature during the last biennial budget process. In early August, members sent letters to the departments of Administration (DOA), Revenue (DOR) and Commerce, as well as the DNR, listing recommendations that had not made it into the previous budget. Recommendations sent to the DNR are now part of the agency's budget request to DOA. In the August meeting, Study Group members identified issues to discuss in the coming fall months, with an expected final report on brownfields recommendations going to the State Legislature when it re-convenes in January of 2003. In addition to those discussions, Study Group members and participating state agency staff met with EPA officials from Region V and from Washington, D.C.. EPA officials briefed meeting attendees on the federal agency's new One Cleanup Program (OCP) Initiative. Study Group members agreed to continue meeting with EPA officials over the next few months to provide comments on how to improve the federal-state relationship regarding investigation and cleanup efforts for contaminated properties in Wisconsin. More information about the Study Group is available on our web site at

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/rbrownfields/bsg/index.htm>

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